

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

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**CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION****State Capitol, Room 126****Sacramento, CA****Minutes of Meeting****June 24, 2004****COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Teresa P. Hughes
Vicki Marti
Lynn Schenk
Michael R. Yamaki

CMAC STAFF PRESENT

J. Keith Berger, Executive Director
Enid Barnes
Theresa Bueno
Paul Cerles
Denise DeTrano
Holland Golec
Vanessa Guerrero
Karen Thalhammer
Donald Wooten, Ph.D.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Nancy E. McFadden, Chair
Thomas Calderon
Diane M. Griffiths

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Chantele Denny, Department of Finance
Benjamin Thomas, Department of Health Services

I. Call to Order

The June 24, 2004 open session meeting of the California Medical Assistance Commission (CMAC) was called to order by Commissioner Teresa P. Hughes. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes

The May 27, 2004 meeting minutes were approved as amended by the Commissioners, and June 10, 2004 meeting minutes were approved as prepared by CMAC staff.

III. Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director, Keith Berger, indicated that there were no new requests from hospitals or health plans to appear before the Commission in closed session at this time.

Mr. Berger informed the Commission that CMAC staff is completing preparation of the 2004 Annual Report to the Legislature. The plan is to have a draft to the Commissioners at the next Commission meeting for their review and comments. Once all the comments are received, CMAC will notice the annual report for approval at the subsequent CMAC meeting.

Benjamin Thomas, Department of Health Services (DHS), provided a brief update on DHS Medi-Cal Redesign efforts. He indicated that there have been preliminary discussions with DHS Director, Sandra Shewry, and a briefing with Health and Human Services Secretary, Kimberly Belshé. Mr. Thomas said that August 2 is still the target date for the Redesign proposal to be sent to the legislature. He also summarized a conference call DHS staff had with public hospital representatives regarding their concerns with some aspects of a preliminary proposal to expand certified public expenditures as a public hospital financing mechanism.

Mr. Berger informed the Commission that there are three contracts and amendments before the Commission for action during today's closed session. Mr. Berger also indicated that CMAC staff is negotiating about 40 to 50 amendments and expects to have them before the Commissioners for action during the next two months.

Mr. Berger indicated that CMAC had tentatively scheduled a public discussion on the HFPA 411 access issue for July 8, however, there are no contracts or amendments noticed for action at that meeting. Mr. Berger indicated that he wanted to raise this issue with the Commissioners, so that the Chair can make a decision whether or not to cancel the July 8 meeting.

In response to a question raised by Commissioner Marti, Mr. Berger stated that the HFPA 411 discussion would be in open session at the July 22 meeting, if rescheduled. Mr. Berger indicated that CMAC staff will work with the hospital representatives interested in the HFPA 411 issue regarding the new date.

Commissioner Hughes, as the Acting Chair, cancelled the July 8 meeting.

In concluding his report, Mr. Berger informed the Commission that this meeting is the last Commission meeting for Chantele Denny, ex-officio member for the Department of Finance. He said that CMAC has enjoyed working with Ms. Denny for the last three years and that she will be missed.

Commissioner Hughes extended her gratitude to Ms. Denny for her services and advice to the Commission, and wished her well on her new assignment.

IV. Medi-Cal Managed Care Activities

The Executive Director indicated that he had nothing new to report at this time on managed care.

V. New Business/Public Comments/Adjournment

There being no further new business and no additional comments from the public, Commissioner Hughes recessed the open session. Commissioner Hughes opened the closed session, and after closed session items were addressed, adjourned the closed session, at which time the Commission reconvened in open session. Commissioner Hughes announced that the Commission had taken action on new hospital contracts and amendments in closed session. There being no further business, Commissioner Hughes adjourned the open session.